

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY – MARCH 12, 2018
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM - 380 N. WILMOR ROAD
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**

Mayor Manier called the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 12, 2018 to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington.

Present: Aldermen Adams, Brownfield, Cobb, Dingledine, and Moss.

Absent: Aldermen Brucks, Butler, & Gee.

Also present: City Administrator Culotta, Public Works Director Andrews, P & D Director Oliphant, Deputy Chief Stevens, City Treasurer Dingledine, and City Clerk Brown.

MINUTES

1. Aldermen wishing to be heard on non-agenda item – None.
2. Citizens wishing to be heard on a non-agenda item – None.
3. Approval of Minutes: Alderman Moss moved and Alderman Adams seconded to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Proposed Amendment – Residential Street Standards – Planning & Development Director Oliphant provided the following information as background: 1) staff has reviewed the current standards to determine if modifications could be done to reduce the street width, increase the sidewalk width, and improve longevity of the streets; 2) the Public Works Committee discussed this at their March 5th meeting and recommended it be brought forward to Committee of the Whole for further discussion; 3) current requirements are a minimum of a 34' wide street from curb-to-curb with a minimum 4' wide sidewalk for minor residential/local streets with a minimum 3" asphalt street surface; 4) standard comparisons were done with our larger regional counterparts which show that street width standards vary from 28-34', sidewalk widths vary 4-5', and asphalt depths vary from 3-4.5"; and 5) there are a variety of factors in considering modifications to our current standards. He provided factors that included the following: 1) 30' is the generally-accepted minimum curb to curb street width needed to accommodate two-way traffic with one lane of parking, supported by IDOT; 2) wider streets generally encourage speeds that are not as safe for residential areas; 3) studies show narrower lane widths effectively manage speeds without decreasing safety while wider travel lanes also increase exposure and crossing distance for pedestrians at intersections and midblock crossings; 4) decreasing street widths can improve aesthetics of neighborhoods by creating a greater sense of enclosure while reducing the amount of impervious surface; 5) there is less need for on-street parking with the amount of off-street parking being provided today with 2-3 car garages the norm; 6) increasing surface depth by 0.5" can add up to nine years of life on the roadway while only adding approximately \$1.10 per lineal foot to the initial cost, allowing for our street budget to be stretched further; 7) many cities have started requiring sidewalks to be a minimum of 5' to better accommodate two-people walking side-by-side and to encourage pedestrian activity; and 8) decreasing the street width while increasing the sidewalk width and pavement surface depth does not significantly increase development/building costs, and allows for pavement to last longer. Public Works Director Andrews provided an overview of several different scenarios that were provided as background information. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Committee to only bring the increase in depth of asphalt from 3" to 3.5" forward to City Council for consideration.

- B. Solar Energy Zoning Text Amendment – P & D Director Oliphant shared that staff has created a list of alternatives to consider that specifically address ground mount and roof mount solar energy systems as a result of direction from Committee following discussion at February's Committee of the Whole meeting and are intended to balance the impact of the solar arrays on nearby properties and the general public. He provided a number of solar panel system visuals as part of his background information sharing that alternatives have been discussed with the City's electrical inspector as well and consist of the following: 1) allow only roof mount solar energy systems (ground mounts would not be allowed as part of single-use solar systems); 2) roof mount systems on pitched roofs would not be permitted to tilt or rotate at a slope greater or less than the roof to which it is attached and would not be allowed to extend more than 8" from the roof surface; 3) only allow roof mounts for flat roofs on residential or non-residential principal structures to extend vertically 2' or extend vertically to the building parapet, whichever is less; 4) solar arrays would not occupy up to 50% of the total outside roof area, and if installed on multiple roofs on a single principal structure, coverage would not exceed 30% of any roof to which the device is attached; 5) only allow roof mounts to be located on principal structures and not accessory structures; and 6) require that the panels match as closely as possible to the color of the roof to which it is attached. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Committee to bring this forward to City Council for consideration.
- C. Discussion: Sale, Possession, or Consumption of Tobacco & Smoking Products – Mayor Manier shared that a presentation was given by the Cancer Society during a recent Mayor's meeting and would like to see discussion on whether there is favor in moving something forward that would limit this to 21 from our current 18. Deputy Chief Stevens shared the following information on this topic: 1) Tobacco 21 is the buzz word to reduce the negative use of tobacco; 2) it is a national movement with fairly wide support even through non-smokers; 3) 13 municipalities have adopted this since 2014; 4) the IL House and Senate have bills pending; and 5) if consideration is given, our ordinance would prohibit tobacco and alcohol to anyone under age 21. Mayor Manier shared the City of Peoria will have this up for consideration in April, the City of Evanston was the first community to adopt this in 2014 and had a 37.5% decrease in the following two years, it does decrease the percentage of use by youths, and in demonstrating local support it helps other municipalities and states who might be looking at future considerations. Further discussion ensued on the topic of regulation and its effect on current retailers as well as the 18-21 age group and the need to provide further regulation to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes in public places that would mirror our current tobacco use regulation. It was the consensus of Committee to bring these two items forward to City Council for consideration.
- D. 911 Consolidation Update – Deputy Police Chief Stevens provided an update noting the following: TC3 has hired consultant to catch us up with the state issued timeline; applications are being taken to hire the director by the end of May; management and non-management positions applications are being taken as well and will begin by looking at full-time applicants then moving to part-time for these positions; the Governance Board and Operations Committee are committed to the success of this project; and a meeting is scheduled this Friday with the consultant where a potential amendment to the agreement will be considered as a result of a request by IMRF on one line in the agreement regarding joint liability where they want to be sure dues will be paid if TC3 fails to pay. He also shared the differences in how the radio system will work once the center is up and running.
5. Other Business – Alderman Dingleline asked to have language inserted into the .5% home-rule sales tax increase ordinance that specifically states that revenues generated will be used for infrastructure expenses. It was the consensus to add this language to the ordinance.
6. At 7:36 p.m. Alderman Brownfield moved and Alderman Moss seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.



Patricia S. Brown, City Clerk